

The Voice

Algona High School

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Shootin' around

John Etler

Intramural basketball started up February 17th and continued the 22nd.

It's been a good intramural basketball season with seven teams signed up for competition.

The games were fairly even through the first night with some good competition and some amazing plays. One team had such a big lead they started taking half court shots on every possession. Christian Parker said, "It was a lot of fun, but I'm not sure about some of the calls."

The top plays from the first night are as follows: 5) Nathan Trenary's Kevin Love rebounding impersonation; 4) Johnny Aboud's smooth as butter assist to Garrett Lappin; 3) Nick Taffe's crossover teardrop for two!!! 2) PJ

McMahon goes for 31 verses Jalapeño; 1) Nick Taffe's three pointer from half court to close out the first half verses Shamona.

The second round of action was held on Tuesday, February 22nd. The top five plays from that night are as follows: 5) Weston Shaw's flying bank shot for two! 4) Joey Schattschneider's full court pass to broken right fibula Chris Grether for two; 3) The Ethan Poepe to Mason Altman to Adam Poepe bounce pass for two; 2) Johnny Aboud's 18 points and 10 assists vs. Water Buffalo; 1) Blair Bradley scoring 37 points to lead the team Grether-Great and their 3.5 players to the number one seed for the finals.

The finals for intramural basketball will be held on Monday, February 28th.

Grammys 2011

Rachel Weiland

The 53rd Grammy awards ceremony took place in Los Angeles on February 13th, at the Staples Center. There were many bold and different performances. Lady Gaga went down the red carpet in a giant egg. She broke out of the egg on stage and sang her new song "Born This Way." She won the best pop vocal album for

Fame Monster.

Justin Beiber and Usher performed together. Cee-Lo Green and Gwyneth Paltrow did a duet. Lady Antebellum won record of the year, song of the year, country album, country song, and country performance. Train won the first award of the night for the song "Hey Soul Sister." Miranda

National FFA Week

Kari Simpson

This week is National FFA Week. There are many activities going on.

The fun began Monday with Drive a Tractor to School Day. There were no activities planned for Tuesday.

Wednesday was the Farm Toy Show in MacVey's room, along with a pie and ice cream social for the faculty members. Students dug out their old tractors from childhood to show off.

The delicious pancake supper was on Thursday, starting at 5:00. Following the pancakes, FFA students were auctioned off in the annual Labor Auction.

Each student offers their service and people are then asked to "buy" them. All proceeds go to the FFA community service project.

For the 2010-2011 year, the project is

landscaping the grounds around the new Algona Middle School.

Finally, Friday brought the favorite day for students at AHS. Throughout the day, the students and staff were on the lookout for the wooden blocks, in hopes of winning a prize. FFA students hid the blocks in certain places around the school, and each one is tagged so you will receive a prize. Later that day was the Aggie Olympics. Megan and Melissa Tietz were excited for the Aggie Olympics because it "gets them out of class." One activity was a race to pound in the most nails.

National FFA Week is a fun time for the students and staff at Algona High. If you're not out for FFA, join next year and get in on the excitement. All you need to do is talk to Mr. MacVey.



Left: Karl Nicolaus, FFA president, helps with the pancake feed.

Lambert won the best female country vocal.

In the pre-awards on Saturday, The Ramones and Julie Andrews were among

the performers receiving lifetime achievement recognition.

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Just talking 'bout speech

Tyler Mawdsley

It's going to be another fast-paced and exciting next couple of months for speech students. District Individual Speech contest will be held at Garrigan High School this Saturday, the 26th of February.

AHS Speech students will be performing their best at Districts because students who receive a Division I ranking there will advance to the State Competition. "I'm really excited about it," said Mikayla Torpy.

The State Competition will be March 12, 2010. The State competition will be held here, at the Algona High

School/Middle School Complex. Students who receive an overall District I ranking at State, as well as nominations from two judges can advance to All-State speech.

Additionally, Ms. Elle will be looking for groups from State competition and also some individuals to participate in the Speech Spectacular. Groups who went to State will participate in Speech Spectacular, which will be mainly for the benefit of parents who want to see all the AHS State performances. Speech kids don't need to worry about this too much yet, however. Speech Spectacular will kick off mid-March.



Casey's vs. Subway

Carly Sansone

A jury in an Iowa court may soon be debating on twelve-inch sandwiches. Casey's General Stores Inc. filed a lawsuit against Subway in U.S. District Court in Des Moines on Friday, February 18th, in hopes of proving that the sandwich chain has no proprietary ownership of the term "footlong."

This suit was filed in response to a letter written by Valerie Pochron, a lawyer for Subway, alerting Casey's that Subway had applied for a trademark of "footlong" and Subway will take legal actions if they continue to use the word. Casey's beat Subway to the legal punch and is seeking a jury trial.

Subway has been using

the term "footlong" as a noun for several years, offering five-dollar twelve-inch sandwiches in its 34,000 stores. Casey's recently started using the word as an adjective on menus in about 180 stores and plans to use the term "footlong" on sandwich boards in all 1,600 of its midwest locations.

This suit is similar to a case in which McDonald's tried to sue the Malaysians fast-food chain McCurry over the use of the prefix "Mc." After eight-year's of legal battle, the Malaysian Court of Appeals ruled that McDonald's did not have copyrights to the prefix "Mc".

Child Development II

Cane Arrowood

With this second semester started, Child Development II is now underway. In order to be a part of this class, you must first complete Child Development. Child Development is a class where the students learn how children act and why they behave the way they do.

You may have seen kids in Child Development wearing the pregnancy belly or taking care of a Baby Think It Over. Carly Sansone said, "Baby Think It Over was a very stressful weekend." Rachel Weiland says, "I put my baby in the trunk!"

In Child Development II, students get to interact with preschool

kids at Bertha Godfrey. This experience allows students to see the learning patterns of children. Students go to Bertha Godfrey every day except Wednesdays. Each student must sign out in the office and also check in at Bertha Godfrey.

Joey Candelarie says, "I help kids build stuff and then knock it down." Kari Simpson says, "It's fun getting to know the kids! I learned children don't know how to share!"

The class is a great learning experience for high school students who may have an interest in working with kids.

Just Go With It

Janelle Wittenberg

Just Go With It stars Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston. This movie is rated PG-13.

Adam Sandler plays Danny and in this movie he pretends he is married and wears his old wedding ring all the time. It soon catches up to him because he finds the girl who he wants to be with and the girl (Nicole Kidman) finds the wedding ring.

Danny then has to keep piling on all his lies and pretend that he is married and creates a fake family with kids. His assistant at his plastic surgeon office

is the one who pretends to be his wife, along with her kids. They all make a trip to Hawaii where they are supposed to be getting to know each other better. Danny is trying to fall in love with Nicole Kidman, who plays Devlin.

Jennifer Aniston plays Katherine and has to sit there and watch Danny fall in love with this girl, and at the same time, Katherine is falling in love with him too. Danny has to make a tough decision on what he wants in life because Devlin is planning on marrying him in Hawaii.

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And they're off...

Connor Barber

The track season officially started on February 14th, and boys' and girls' practice started Tuesday, the 15th.

The first two weeks of practices are three days a week and from then on it's everyday. Practice goes from after school till about 5:00 or 5:30. Basketball players and wrestlers get a week off before having to start practice.

Senior, Brittany Vaske says, "I'm excited to beat the State champ (Kenzie Siefken) at discus!"

Both the boys' and girls' teams are looking to achieve as much, if not more than they did last year. The girls' team and boys' team won all their 2010 regular season meets, in addition to Conference and Districts. The boys qualified 13 events for the State meet and the girls qualified 10 events. With such good records last year, the teams have their goals set high.

The first meet of the 2011 season is indoors at Mankato State in Mankato, on March 19th.

Wrestling ends

Mackenzie Siefken

Three Algona wrestlers got their shot at a chance to qualify for the State wrestling tournament. The wrestlers got one third place finish and two fourth place finishes. Junior Nick Buchanan took third place and two freshmen, Kory Kuecker and Tyler Frideres, also put up a fight and finished in 4th place.

Kory Kuecker started off the day with fall to New Hampton's Matt Paulus with 3:23 to go. His next opponent was from Hampton-Dumont. Kory got pinned at a time of 1:26 in the first period. He ended his season with a record of 21-12.

Next was Nick Buchanan. He took on Seth Praska from Cresco and took the fall at 3:59 in the match. Nick got a wrestle back against Humboldt's Trent Sawyer, 3-1. However, he

didn't get a wrestle back due to Praska being beat in the finals. Buchanan finished off the season 23-9.

Lastly was freshman Tyler Frideres. Tyler lost by a fall to Ryan Randall of Osage at 4:40. He went on to lose to Ryan Fett of Forrest City by a 19-2 decision. Tyler finished up his season with an 18-18 record.

All Algona wrestlers gave it their all to get their shot at the State tournament, and luckily they will still have another chance next year to make the tournament. The State wrestling tournament went on last Wednesday through Saturday.

NCC champs 5x

Brittany Vaske

The Algona girls' basketball team swept the North Central Conference title for the fifth straight year on Friday, February 11.

The team beat Webster City 48-19. This night was special for the four seniors, Laura TerHark, Megan Gerhardt, MacKenzie Siefken, and Brittany Vaske. These four seniors were recognized for their accomplishments. Scoring leaders for the game were Laura TerHark with 17 points and Brittany Vaske with nine points. Jade Simpson pulled down 14 rebounds with Brittany Vaske having 13 caroms. Senior Megan Gerhardt quoted, "I'm excited for the Conference title."

Regionals opened up with a victory over Humboldt on February 16. The final score was 51-26. Megan Gerhardt led the team with six steals while Laura TerHark scored 11 points. Brittany Vaske pulled down 14 rebounds for the red and black. Kari Simpson states about the

game, "It was a hard core death match." With this win, the Bulldogs advanced to the second round against Sioux City Bishop Heelan.

The Bulldogs came up short against Bishop Heelan in the Regional Semifinals on Saturday, February 19. The girls played an aggressive ballgame, taking the game to overtime. The four minute overtime was won by the Crusaders with a score of 71-66. Laura TerHark dished in 26 points while Brittany Vaske pulled down 19 rebounds for the red and black. Jade Simpson had 12 points. Senior MacKenzie Siefken says, "It was a hard fought loss on Saturday." Assistant coach, Brandon Schwab, quotes, "I thought we played very hard and very well for the entire game. The coaching staff was very pleased with the effort and execution of the team."

The girls had an outstanding season, winning the North Central Conference for the fifth year at the top of the list.

Right: Heather Ziesman focuses on her free throw.



Photo by Jim Gale

Crush the court

Chris Arend

On Friday, February 11th, the AHS boys' basketball team played at home against the Webster City Lynx. It was total domination as the Bulldogs won 53-34. Leading in points was junior Sam Lipps with 15 points. Sam Lipps also led in rebounds, with all 10 of his coming on defense.

The boys went on the road to Clear Lake on Tuesday, February 15th. The Lions and the Bulldogs have always been fierce rivals, and this game was no different. In the end it was Clear

Lake coming away with the win, 48-58. Leading scorer was senior Noah Hollinger with 17 points. Junior, Sam Lipps was again leader in rebounds, again getting 10.

Monday, February 21st, the Bulldogs traveled to Storm Lake for the first round of class 3A Districts. They put up a fight to remain on the way to State, but in the end it was Storm Lake winning 64-80. The loss ended the Bulldogs' season with an overall record of 13-10.



Right:
Michael
McMahon
shoots a free
throw.

Photo by Jim Gale

Nurse Aid

Katie Green

The nurse aid classes have been very busy the last few weeks. On February 7th through the 14th, the classes were professionally trained in CPR. They learned how to perform CPR on adults and infants. The students were tested with a written exam and they had to do the procedure for the instructor.

On Monday, February 14th, the students got the opportunity to ride inside of an ambulance.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, a select group of

students went on a trip to Des Moines. The group got the chance to meet Representative Tom Shaw and Senator Jack Kibbie. They also met with the president and CEO of the Iowa Hospital Association. The students were shown around the capitol building.

The students have also been tested on their nursing skills through clinicals. During clinicals, the students' skills are put to the test when they are assigned a patient at the hospital. They

College basketball

John Krause

The college basketball season has been a great one this season. Right now Ohio State is the number one team in the NCAA. Texas is tied in points with Ohio State, so there are two number one teams right now. Ohio State has only lost one game this season to Wisconsin. They went on after their loss to play a desperate Michigan State team Tuesday night. Texas has three losses on the season. The Longhorns have won their games by playing the nation's best defense. They are undefeated in the Big 12.

The top five teams are pretty even. Pittsburgh is the third ranked team with

a record of 24-2. Kansas was the number one seed for a little while before they lost to Kansas State by double digits. They are now the fourth ranked team. Duke is the fifth ranked team with a record of 24-2. They started off the season by being the number one team.

BYU has been an exciting team this year with Jimmer Fredette. Jimmer leads this team to the seventh rank by his three point shooting and being an amazing scorer. He has no range when it comes to shooting the ball. He is averaging 27.3 points a game. He is shooting 42% from three point. He is 85 for 202

Right:
The Nurse
Aid students
who went to
Des Moines
stop for a
picture.



will get the patient ready for the day and take care of any of their needs.

The first semester, the students had clinicals at the Good Samaritan nursing home. This semester is

all about the hospital setting and learning the difference between nursing home care and hospital care.